IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An optical disk device comprising a control section for controlling track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk ~~which is a~~ recording medium, ~~characterized in that~~wherein

~~in order to effect kicking in the track hold control,~~ the control section ~~operates to measure~~ is for measuring an offset amount of a lens relative to the center ~~in~~ of the pickup, and ~~effect the kicking~~ for performing a track jump when the measured offset amount is ~~equal to or smaller~~ not greater than a predetermined value.

2. (Currently Amended) The optical disk device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the control section ~~operates to change the predetermined value which is compared~~ is for comparing the predetermined value with the measured offset amount and changing the predetermined value depending ~~the~~ on a number of tracks ~~for the kicking~~to be jumped by said track jump.

3. (Currently Amended) An optical disk device comprising a control section for controlling track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk ~~which is a~~ recording medium, ~~characterized in that~~wherein

in order to carry out tracking after ~~kicking is effected in the track hold~~said control section performs a track jump, the control section ~~operates to measure~~ is for measuring an offset amount of a lens relative to the center ~~in~~ of the pickup, and ~~carry out no~~ for not performing tracking processing until the offset amount ~~becomes equal to or smaller~~ is not greater than a predetermined value.

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4. (Currently Amended) An optical disk device comprising a control section for controlling track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk ~~which is a~~ recording medium, ~~characterized in that~~wherein

~~in order to effect kicking in the track hold control,~~ the control section ~~operates to measure~~ is for measuring an offset amount of a lens relative to the center ~~in~~ of the pickup ~~several~~

a plurality of times, and ~~effect the kicking~~ for performing a track jump when the offset amount is reduced each time of the measurements to a predetermined value within a predetermined range.

5. (Currently Amended) The optical disk device according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the control section ~~operates to change~~ is for changing the predetermined value ~~which is compared~~ and for comparing the predetermined value with the offset amounts measured several times depending on ~~the~~ a number of tracks ~~for the kicking~~to be jumped by said track jump.

6. (Currently Amended) The optical disk device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the control section ~~operates to store~~ is for storing a measured maximum offset amount as an eccentricity amount of an optical disk in use.

7. (Currently Amended) A track hold control method for controlling, in an optical disk device, track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk ~~which is a~~ recording medium, ~~characterized in that~~ the method comprising:

providing a pickup comprising a lens;

~~in order to effect kicking in a track hold processing,~~ measuring an offset amount of ~~a~~ the lens relative to the center ~~in~~ of the pickup ~~is measured~~, and ~~the kicking is effected only~~ performing a track jump when the measured offset amount is ~~equal to or smaller~~ not greater than a predetermined value.

8. (Currently Amended) The track hold control method according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising

comparing the predetermined value ~~which is compared~~ with the measured offset amount ~~is changed~~ and changing the predetermined value depending on the number of tracks ~~for the kicking~~ to be jumped by said track jump.

9. (Currently Amended) A track hold control method for controlling, in an optical disk device, track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk ~~which is a~~ recording medium, ~~characterized in that~~that the method comprising:

providing a pickup comprising a lens;

~~in order to carry out tracking after kicking is effected in the track hold processing,~~

measuring an offset amount of ~~a~~ the lens relative to the center ~~in~~ of the pickup ~~is measured~~ so that no tracking processing is carried out until the offset amount ~~becomes equal to or smaller~~ is not greater than a predetermined value.

10. (Currently Amended) A track hold control method for controlling, in an optical disk device, track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk ~~which is a~~ recording medium, ~~characterized in that~~ the method comprising:

providing a pickup comprising a lens;

~~in order to effect kicking in the track hold processing,~~ measuring several times an offset amount of ~~a~~ the lens relative

to the center ~~in~~ of the pickup ~~is measured several times~~, and ~~the kicking is carried out~~ performing a track jump when the offset amount is reduced each time of the measurement to a predetermined value within a predetermined range.

11. (Currently Amended) The track hold control method according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising comparing the predetermined value ~~which is compared~~ with the offset amounts measured several times ~~is changed~~ and changing the predetermined value depending on the number of tracks ~~for the kicking~~to be jumped by said track jump.

12. (Currently Amended) The track hold control method according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising storing a measured maximum offset amount ~~is stored~~ as an eccentricity amount of ~~the~~ an optical disk in use.